

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Platte County,) Application No. 911-023.27
Public Safety Answering Point,)
Columbus, seeking funding) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
approval for recurring and non-) REQUEST
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: March 13, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated October 27, 2006, Platte County, Public Safety Answering Point, Columbus, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In the application, Platte County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of \$96,837.00 for the purchase and installation of equipment necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. Platte County's public safety answering point (PSAP) currently uses Motorola Centralink equipment which will no longer be supported by the manufacturer, therefore crippling the county's ability to maintain and upgrade the equipment.

Platte County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Platte County's request at its November 6, 2006 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in the amount of **\$96,837.00**.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received prior to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for full reimbursement without regard to the allocation factor.

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request for funding should be granted in the amount of **\$96,837.00.**

The Fund shall therefore pay to Platte County the amount of **\$96,837.00** consistent with the terms of this order herein.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Platte County the amount of **\$96,837.00** consistent with the terms of this order for the equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of March, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director